



WASHFest 2002: Coming Up Next!

This is the time of year when W3SRL & W3WH ought to be getting butterflies in his stomach, were they not veteran Hamfest chairmen! Less than a month away from our 7th annual hamfest, and there's not much more to be done than wait, right? Wrong.

The vendors are quickly reserving their tables — at deadline, we've confirmed that **EQF Software**, **TLC Embroidery**, **D&T Associates**, **Ham Radio Insurance Associates**, and the **ARRL WPA Section Leadership** will be coming. More reservations are more coming in every day. That's good, but plenty of great tables still available (and going fast!) if you know someone who has a few things to sell (or wants to split a table with someone).

Now is the time that WASH needs everyone to do a few little things, the next few weeks, to help ensure another successful hamfest. The flyers are out, but we still need to spread the word. Visit some new repeaters, make some new friends, and mention the hamfest. Check into some of our neighboring clubs' weekly nets and do the same. If someone wants a flyer, or directions, let one of the hamfest staff know and we'll get it to them.

Don't forget to mention that we'll have free coffee to all all day, courtesy of **Ham Radio Insurance Associates**. Doesn't sound like much, does it? It was a big hit last year, so much so that other area hamfests have started to do the same thing. We want people to come, not just to browse and buy, but to sit, relax, and meet up with old friends — that's part of what being a top hamfest is all about.

And mention that **Hoagie Haven**, who served those fantastic lunches last year, will not only be back as our caterer, but will be doing breakfast, too! Can't wait!

Beyond that, let Steve & Bill know when you'll be available to help out the day of the hamfest. We have from 5 to 6 to set up tables, talk-in, and get the hall ready. We need a few hands between 6 and 8 to assist the vendors in finding their tables (and get them a cup of coffee or two, too) and run the coffee pot. From 8 on, we need you to help man the entrance, club table, parking, ticket & 50/50 sales, and generally make sure that the vendors and attendees are having a good time. It doesn't take much time for anyone if everyone pitches in.

WASHFest has earned a reputation for being one of the best WPA hamfests of the year. Let's all do our part to keep it, as Bill put it last year, a "First Class" hamfest this year and for years to come!

Next Meeting: February 14th, 2002

The next monthly meeting of the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.** will be Thursday, February 14th, at the **John McMillan Presbyterian Church**, 875 Clifton Road, Bethel Park, starting at 7:00 PM.

No guest speaker this evening, as we will be discussing last minute plans and changes for WASHFest 2002 after the meeting.

Talk-in on the 146.955(-) N3RNX/R and 443.650(+) N3BV/R Repeaters (131.8 PL). All members, guests and interested parties invited!

A Contest Blast!

The Second Annual WASH 2M FM Contest took place on Saturday evening, January 12th, with rarely a hitch. A large contingent of area amateurs descended on the 2 meter band and spent 4 fun-filled hours trying to work each other.

Early indications are that most of the operators had a great time! Unlike last year, the addition of available frequencies to use and the absolute prohibition on using 146.52 and lower simplex channels avoided the problem of stepping on existing QSO's or schedules — no complaints were heard. And the expansion of bonus stations to include all "bona-fide" club stations brought some out of the woodwork, including WA3COM (WACOM), W3KWH (Steel City ARC), W3LWW (Foothills ARC), and late in the contest, W3VC (Carnegie Tech Radio Club, aka CMU ARC).

There were some dissapointments. Few if any stations from Ohio or West Virginia were worked this year, and only some of the southern most stations could work the small number of Western Maryland stations that showed up. A few mobile/portable stations did not always know what ZIP code they were in. And the N3SH club station, originally operating portable from the West End Overlook, was forced by intermod problems to relocate to the Crafton area (although this did permit them to rework many stations from the new ZIP code).

Don't forget, logs (w/SASE) are due to contest chairman Ed N3ZNI by February 7th. Certificates will be awarded to the top finishers at each power level in the Member, Non Member, and Club Station categories; and every entrant will be getting a raffle ticket to WASHFest 2002!

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WASH FM Net
9:00 PM ET
Sunday
Nights on the
146.955
and 443.650
Repeaters

**LOOKING
AHEAD:**

- Breeze-shooter's 10 Meter Ground-wave SSB Contest**
March 23rd, 2002
- 2RARC Hamfest, Palace Inn, Monroeville, PA**
March 17th
- WACOM Hamfest, Washington Co. Fairgrounds, April 21st**

February 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
K3HWJ Special Event Station, Commemorating Groundhog Day 2002, Punxsutawney Area ARC — QSL Via W3QOS	W3C Special Event Station, Commemorating the Washington Co Sportsmen's Show, operated by WACOM QSL via N3ZNI	The Breezeshooters have swapped the weekends for the Groundwave — now the CW contest is in February, SSB in March			1 Elco ARS Meeting Somerset Co ARC Breakfast	2 Groundhog Day RA Erie VE Test BVARA/Hilltoppers VE Nittany ARC Coffee Call North Hills ARC Elmer Net K3HWJ Special Event
3 Super Bowl XXXVI Ellwood City ARA Meeting QCWA Pittsburgh Net South One ARES Net North Hills ARC Teen Net WASH FM Net	4 Greater Pgh VHFS Meeting Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARA Net Beaver County Public Service Net	5 Butler Co ARA Meeting South Hills BP & M Meeting Skyview RS Meeting North Hills ARC Net SATERN Net GPVHFS Swap'n'Shop Net	6 Uniontown ARC Meeting Steel City ARC Social Nite Allegheny Co SKYWarn Net Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES	7 WACOM Meeting RA Erie Meeting	8 2 Rivers ARC Ham 'n' Eggs Breakfast Quad Co ARC Breakfast	9 Butler Co ARA VE Test Tri-County CW ARC VE North Hills ARC VE North Hills ARC Breakfast North Hills ARC Elmer Net
10 QCWA Pittsburgh Net South One ARES Net North Hills ARC Teen Net WASH FM Net	11 Bum of the Month Lunch ARL Lawrence Co Meeting Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARA Net Beaver County PS Net	12 Foothills ARC Meeting Coke Center ARA Meeting Nittany ARC Meeting Ft. Venango M&KC Meeting Punxsatawney AARC Mtng. North Hills ARC Net SATERN Net	13 North Hills ARC Meeting Laurel Highlands VHF Society Meeting Steel City ARC Social Nite Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES	14 Valentine's Day WASH Meeting Horseshoe ARC Meeting Beaver Valley ARA Meeting Triple 'A' ARA VE Tests	15 2 Rivers ARC Meeting Quad Co ARC Meeting	16 ARRL DX CW Foothills ARC VE Nittany ARC Coffee Call North Hills ARC Elmer Net
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WASH 2002 OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President
VP/Secretary
VP/Treasurer

AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT:

N3SH / WA3SH Trustee
N3SH / WA3SH QSL Manager
VE Team Liaison
Webmaster
Quartermaster
N3SH/WA3SH WASH Net Managers

FM Net (2 Meter & 70 cm)
Digital (10 Meter)
WASHFest 2002 Co-Chairman
(South Hills Hamfest)

Operating Events
Field Day 2002 Chairman
Ways & Means
Media Communications

CLUB-AFFILIATED REPEATERS:

Mt. Lebanon	N3RNX/R	146.955 -	PL 131.8
Mt. Lebanon	W3SRL/R	442.550 +	PL 131.8
Canonsburg	N3BV/R	443.650 +	PL 131.8

Paul Lusardi NØVLR
Frank Bobro KB3FZU
Mark Stabryla N3RDV

Steve Lane W3SRL
Paul Lusardi NØVLR
Jacqué Gosselin N3ZEL
Bob Sanford AA3FI
Harold Rosenberger KB3CPI

Bryan Beyer K3OL
(open)
Steve Lane W3SRL
Bill Hill W3WH
Bill Hill W3WH
Larry Comden K3VX
Carol Danko KB3GMN
Kevin DeRose N3KFD

N3SH/WA3SH WASHNET, the weekly on-air net of WASH, meets every Sunday Night, 9:00 PM ET, on the 146.955 & 443.650 repeaters. All radio amateurs, WASH members or not, are welcome to join in!

The **10 METER DIGITAL N3SH/WA3SH WASHNET** is on Hiatus until further notice. Please contact Paul NØVLR for more information.

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As always, special thanks to the owners of both the N3RNX/R Repeater System and the N3BV/R Repeater System for permitting the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.** and its members to use their repeaters for club purposes.

WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test April 18th!

Our Next VE exam sessions will be **Thursday, April 18th, 2002**, at **7:00 PM**, at the **John McMillan Presbyterian Church**, 875 Clifton Road, Bethel Park, PA. Talk-in on the 146.955 MHz and 443.650 MHz repeaters. All examiners are ARRL VEC affiliated.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you plan on attending the test session, please contact VE Team Liason Jacqué Gosselin N3ZEL: Telephone (724) 746-9235 or E-Mail: n3zel@fyi.net

Please bring the following to your test session:

Picture ID or other suitable identification (2 forms of ID required)
Pen / Pencil / Calculator
Original FCC license plus a copy of license (if upgrading)
Original CSCE plus a copy of CSCE (if upgrading)
Check or Cash in the amount of \$10.00 (payable to: ARRL VEC)

The **WASH Breakfast Gang** wrapped up our first year of club get-togethers on January 26th over coffee and discussion at **Dietz's Restaurant** during their monthly get-together. This month's contingent included KB3FNM, K3VX, W3VFA, N3RNX, W3RWS, KB3CPI, KB3GMN, WN3VAW, & KB3FQT. There was talk of Field Day, WASHFest, antennas, and the usual assortment... and even an autograph or two signed! So weather permitting, why not join us at our next one? The next Club Breakfast will be Saturday, February 23rd, at **Dietz's Restaurant**, Caste Village Shops, Baptist & Grove Roads. Come down and share a cup of coffee with us! Hope you can make it!

15 Minutes of Fame (10.5 after taxes): If you're not a regular reader of CQ Magazine, try and find the February 2002 issue on the newsstands. WA3PZO's Public Service column features an article about the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, and includes pictures taken by WN3VAW. Sure to be a collector's item (not!). That and \$18 will get you admittance to Dayton Hamvention this year...

Did you see the number of "blue" (new or renewed members for 2002) over on Page 4? 51 — Fifty One! To think that a few years ago, the entire club membership didn't even approach that number! Thanks to all for your support! If your call is still in **black**, it's not too early to send in your 2002 dues. If you're in **green**, well, it's been awhile, and we miss you, so why not send in your dues today (and don't worry about back dues, we're not counting!)

Rank: Seems a local hamfest is telling past vendors that they are the first "Major" hamfest of the year. So we're curious. Where do you go to apply for military ranks for hamfests? We thought of applying for **WASHFest** to be a "Commodore" hamfest, but since that company is out of business, how about "Admiral?"

Club Liason for ARES Net Still Needed! Mark N3RDV reminds us that the club is still in need of an official "rep" to the weekly Allegheny County ARES/RACES net, Wednesday nights at 9 PM on the 147.09 Repeater. There's not too much to it — "your name/call will be put on the roster that is read each net. You simply check-in as often as you can. Each club liaison is scheduled to be Net Control on a rotating basis. Each representative is given a schedule and quarterly roster." Contact Mark at n3rdv@arrl.net for more information, or for any questions or comments.

Field Day & Weddings: We recently heard that congratulations are in order to Mike Tanner WE3U of the **WPA HILLTOPPERS** — his daughter will be married in late June. You guessed it — Field Day Saturday. As many of the **HILLTOPPERS** are also involved in the wedding, they've had to scrub their Field Day plans for this year. The **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION** invites all **HILLTOPPERS** (along with anyone else!) who would like to participate in FD 2002, even if only for a few hours, to join up with us this year. Larry K3VX is again the WASH FD chair person, and he is currently working on plans (including scouting out other possible sites), so if you're interested in helping out in the early FD plans, give Larry a buzz. And remember, Field Day this year will be open to ALL of North & South America, and there are some new rule changes (see Page 7), so even if you've experienced FD before, be ready for a whole new experience this year!

The Breezeshooters advise us that they've switched around the Phone & CW weekends for this year's Groundwave contests. CW is now in February, Phone is now in March. Note that the CQ WPX Contest is the LAST weekend in March, and this year, March has 5 weekend! Also, the rule about not working the same station on a different mode should have been deleted (it only applies when both modes are the same day). More information at the Breezeshooter's web site or from Ed Wolf N3UE

January 18th VE Test Results

We had six candidates at our January 18th VEC test session, held at the John McMillan Presbyterian Church in Bethel Park. We had one person stop by to drop off a renewal form and three candidates for testing. All three candidates successfully earned new or upgraded licenses!

According to the FCC ULS database, the following licenses were issued in late January:

Technician w/HF: Frank Bobro KB3FZU

Extra: Jeff Rusinko N3IPE
Ron Telek KC6VLV

WASH VE Team:

Ed Wolf III N3UE
Paul Lusardi NØVLR
Ed Oelschlager N3ZNI
Jacqué Gosselin N3ZEL
Ron Notarius WN3VAW

Of course, many, many thanks to all of the VE's for coming out and lending a hand at this test session. And Congratulations to all our amateurs and looking forward to hearing them on the air!

73, Jacqué Gosselin N3ZEL

Future Guest Speakers: In March, we've invited noted area DX'er John Getz AD8J to talk on his DX travels & travails. Later this year, we hope to have Tom Dandrea N3EQF (Log-EQF), ARRL WPA Section Manager John Rodger N3MSE, and a SKYWARN Session too! Don't miss out!



WASH 2002 Dues are NOW DUE! Don't put it off, renew your membership today!

Minutes, January 10th Meeting

Frank Bobro KB3FZU, VP/ Secretary, WASH

Meeting was called to order at 19:16 hours by Paul Lusardi NØVLR.

There were 26 members and 2 guests present.

A moment of silence was observed for recent silent keys and other deserving persons.

Introductions were then made all around, as is our custom.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December meeting, as published in the newsletter, was made by Shawn, NØPEU, and seconded by Carol, KB3GMN, and carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer (N3RDV): Expenses were up as a result of the Christmas Party, but the income from the party came close to balancing those expenses. Read and accepted by by Shawn, NØPEU, and seconded by Carol, KB3GMN, and carried.

VE Report (N3ZEL): Volunteers are needed for next VE session on January 17th, 2002.

Repeaters (W3SRL /N3RNX): Repeaters are working fine.

FM Net Report (K3OL): Bryan, K3OL, is in need of net control stations. He can provide assistance and materials to first time net controls.

Activities (KB3GMN): Date for SKYWarn classes in conjunction with Mt. Lebanon EMC is in the works; it will most likely be after March. Deadline for money to Greg KQ3DX for Dayton is January 31st. Ron will contact Greg and get a note posted on the reflector.

Public Service (N3RDV): St. Patrick's Day parade people have asked us back again to operate. There were 4 hams last year and they would like to have more participate this year. They need our help with communications to line up the parade. If you are interested see Mark, N3RDV. April – March of Dimes walk-a-thon.

Contests (K3VX): W.A.S.H. 2 Meter simplex contest this Saturday.

Paul has the log sheets, rules and entry forms. Larry (K3VX) & Bill (W3WH) will operate N3SH from West End Overlook; WA3SH to operate from Paul's (NØVLR) QTH.

Hamfest (W3SRL): The flyers are printed and will be stuffed after the meeting. A database to print labels from has been secured. The early shift will be covered by Ed and Rick; Ron will co-ordinate the talk ins. Help is needed at the club table with the raffle and at the door. This year admission tickets are priced at \$5.00. We should make a sign for the outside of the building so that attendees can see what the admission is before they enter. If you bring a copy of the flyer to door you will receive \$1.00 off of the admission. Free coffee again this year will be courtesy of Ham Radio Insurance Associates (W3WH). There will be no forums this year. Pete will set up his test bench again this year. We need help with hamfest announcements. Bring an HT and we will use 2 Meter simplex to communicate at the hamfest. The early setup begins at 5 AM, doors for setup open at 6 AM and the public gate opens at 8 AM. Attendance last year was up! Mark can bring ice. Club members that don't work the event are expected to pay the admission.

Paul will send an email to other club presidents regarding our upcoming hamfest. Please – talk it up on area nets.

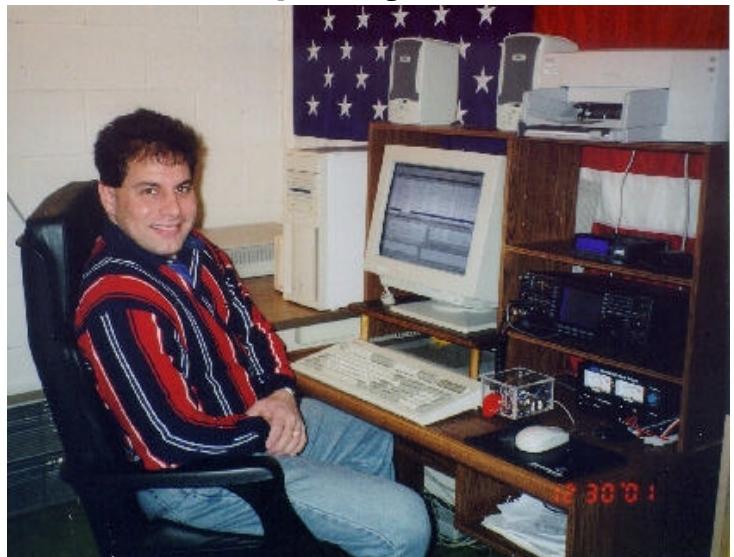
Newsletter (WN3VAW): Ron is open to advertising and swap & shop.

Newsletter may go electronic only? Most people receive it electronically. We would like to get away from the mailings if possible; expenses of mailing are the reason. The newsletter can be downloaded from the website (www.washarc.org).

President's Report:

Are there any changes that you would like to see in the club? If you have comments, feel free to email them to Paul at NØVLR@arrl.net.

WASH Spotlight: N3KFD



First licensed in 1998, Kevin gets a kick out of DX'ing and rag-chewing, and has worked 215 countries since getting on HF in August 2000. He's done it with an ICOM 756 and a Carolina Windom 160 Special at 40 feet — not bad for 100 W & a wire!

Monthly WASH Breakfast Saturday, February 23rd

Please join us for the next WASH Breakfast! We get together on the LAST Saturday of every month for a chance to informally sit down, shoot the breeze, compare notes, and just have a good time together!

Join us at [Dietz's Restaurant](#), Baptist and Grove Roads in the Caste Village Shops. Start time is about 8 AM until whenever. Monitor 146.955 & 443.650 for talk-in or any last minute changes. All are welcome, WASH members or not, amateurs

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

AA3FI	KB3FGO	N3CCC	N3VWF	W3SRL
AA3JS	KB3FNM	N3CZZ	N3WPT	W3VFA
K3BZW	KB3FQT	N3HKQ	N3XFE	W3WH
K3LIE	KB3FZU	N3IDH	N3XI	W4ZE
K3OL	KB3GMN	N3INT	N3YPB	WA3JPP
K3VX	KB3GMO	N3KFD	N3YQY	WB3BPH
K3WR	KB3GMP	N3MJQ	N3ZCG	WB3GTL
KA3PPH	KB3GMU	N3QMV	N3ZEG	WN3BOJ
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KB3DSB	NØWPV	N3UIW	W3JAF	N3OBD (SK)
KB3ECD	N2QIV	N3VEH	W3RJM	N3SKR (SK)
KB3ENX	N3BSQ	N3VVL	W3RWS	W3ZLK (SK)
KB3EPC				
KB3EPI				
KB3ERQ				

Through January 31st, 2002

List complied by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

A.A.A.D. : Do You Have It?

Al Herrle KA3UPY

I think I figured out what my problem is.

They have finally found a diagnosis for my condition. They are calling it **A.A.A.D.:** Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it goes:

I decide to wash the car; I start toward the garage and notice the mail on the table. OK, I'm going to wash the car. But first I'm going to go through the mail. I lay the car keys down on the desk, discard the junk mail and I notice the trash can is full. OK, I'll just put the bills on my desk and take the trash can out, but since I'm going to be near the mailbox anyway, I'll pay these few bills first.

Now, where is my checkbook? Oops, there's only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk.

Oh, there's the Coke I was drinking. The two meter radio is still on, I'll turn it off. What was that call? Oh Yes... I'm going to look for those checks. But first I need to put my Coke further away from the computer, oh maybe I'll pop it into the fridge to keep it cold for a while.

I head towards the kitchen and my flowers catch my eye, they need some water. I set the Coke on the counter and uh oh! There are my glasses. I was looking for them all morning! I'd better put them away first.

I fill a container with water and head for the flower pots — Aaaaaagh Someone left the TV remote in the kitchen. We'll never think to look in the kitchen tonight when we want to watch television so I'd better put it back in the family room where it belongs.

I splash some water into the pots and onto the floor, I throw the remote onto a soft cushion on the sofa and I head back down the hall trying to figure out what it was I was going to do?

End of Day:

The car isn't washed, the bills are unpaid, the Coke is sitting on the kitchen counter, the flowers are half watered, the checkbook still only has one check in it, the 2 meter radio is still on, and I can't seem to find my car keys! When I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because **I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY LONG!!!**

I realize this is a serious condition and I'll get help, **BUT FIRST** I think I'll check my e-mail...

(Meeting Minutes Continued from page 4)

Old Business: Kit Night – Steve, W3SRL, had comments about the Foxx-3 transceivers. Some people would like to try some kits in the UHF and VHF range. Steve does have some kit night ideas; one of them is an AM regenerative receiver. It is a one circuit board kit with 3 front panel controls; it is in the 35 to 40 dollar range. He is open to suggestions. Spring, summer, or fall is usually the best time for kit nights.

New Business: N3RDV – there is a contest last weekend of January, it is the British radio club's RTTY contest.

W3RJM added that ARRL VHF – UHF Sweepstakes are next weekend. Michael's (KB3HFP) Boy Scout troop is having a gathering on February 2nd at the Parkway Center Mall – it may be a good opportunity to introduce this group to Ham radio.

Good of the order: Thanks to Ron WN3VAW for 3 years of service. Paul added a Ø (that's - - - -) to the gavel.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, W3RJM, second by Carol, KB3GMN, and carried.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 20:01 and followed by a presentation on DX'ing and QSL cards by Bob W3RWS.

Ø Beat

Paul Lusardi NØVLR, President

The Three T's

You maybe already be familiar with the 3 T's already; **Time**, **Talent & Treasure**. Each volunteer organization relies on these things to make it a GREAT organization.

Time is given by offering your personal time to help out a new ham, or attending a monthly meeting, speaking on a topic, etc. Another way is through public service groups such as ARES or RACES perhaps. Offering your time can be as simple as running the local FM net on Sundays nights (hint, hint) or as elaborate as coordinating a full-fledged Field Day extravaganza or marathon race.

Talent is given by speaking in front of a crowd, or by using your career skills to help out a fellow ham with a computer problem, possibly by lending a hand raising that 60' crank-up tower

Treasure some is many ways as well. The most obvious is monetary

support of the organization through dues or supporting organized fund raising activities. Do you have some older, working equipment collecting dust? Why not let it out on "permanent loan" to some one - this way we propagate the hobby from within.

No volunteer organization can survive without a little bit from each of the 3 T's. I invite you to think what you might be able to offer to help our organization an EVEN better one!

W3C Special Event Station

Jacque Gosselin N3ZEL

The Washington County Sportsmen's League will hold its 2002 Washington County Sports Show on February 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th at the Washington Mall. Sports show hours are the same as the hours that the mall is open.



Washington Amateur Communications (**WACOM**) will be running a special event station, W3C from the mall. The club table is set up just outside the Radio Shack, and with the cooperation of Jack, the manager, the coax is threaded down through his store from the antennas set up on the mall roof. There will be a long wire and a 2m antenna set up.

Any and all interested parties, licensed or not, are invited to come and participate. With a control operator in place, anyone can making contacts around the world. If you want to schedule a time to operate please contact Ed, N3ZNI, either on the repeater or via email: n3zni@arrl.net.

However, you don't need an appointment. Just stop by the table when you're in the mall and join in.

If anyone asks, the QSL Manager for W3C is again Ed N3ZNI via callbook address.

"My personal thanks to Larry K3VX and Bob W3RWS for their help on January 31st. We spent a very pleasant afternoon (almost 80°) in my back yard and up on my roof setting up my new ladder-line fed random wire sloper for 80 and 160 — I just hope after all this that it works!" — Ron WN3VAW

A QSL Manager's Dream

Tony Martin W4FOA

Due to a recent, unexplained number of problem QSLs received and a wide-ranging variety and style of QSL'ing, I would like to take the liberty to forward what I consider the QSL Manager's Dream. For the Old Timers, please bear with me and for the younger generation, please take these suggestions as only that, constructive suggestions. To the many other QSL Managers out there, if your thoughts differ, please feel free to offer them because this is not intended to say this is the only way. Please weigh in because your mileage may vary.

One QSL Manager's preferences:

1. I much prefer DIRECT QSLs. They're much easier to deal with a dozen or so cards at a time than hundreds at one time via the buro.
2. A large outside envelope with the QSL card and SASE enclosed. It is nice when the SASE (or SAE) does not have to be folded/unfolded. Also, enclosures (IRC or US Green Stamp) not folded or placed inside the return envelope. I could tell you some stories about how some of the enclosures have arrived.
3. Personally I prefer one US Green stamp over IRC (whenever possible). I THINK where US dollars are available, they are considerably less expensive than one IRC. US managers can reply worldwide for \$1 US or less. The excess (20 cents) can be used to respond to direct cards received without sufficient postage.
4. Multiple QSOs on one card where possible.
5. Fill out cards as neatly as possible. Double check the log data when placing info on cards....a big problem.
6. Use Day/Month/Year (D/M/Y) format and UTC (Zulu time). If possible abbreviate month as JAN, FEB, MAR or use Roman numerals I, II, III for month. This helps in arranging cards in proper reply order. Use 4 digit years to avoid confusion.

I'm sure I have missed something as I'm writing this "off the cuff". Please don't consider this message as a "gripe" because it is not written in that light. I enjoy helping DX stations, serving as a QSL manager. Give it a try, offer your services to a DX station, you might find it enjoyable too!

Truth In Advertising:

Kenwood is currently advertising (in the February 2002 issue of QST) that the TS-2000 is "The World's First Radio to have a PC-Flash ROM." This has been duly noted by Ten-Tec Pegasus & Jupiter owners who have been performing software upgrades on their radios since the Pegasus came out over two years ago... prior to the introduction of the TS-2000 family.

— Courtesy Ken Burrough W8KEB

Kenwood's Paul Middleton responded: "guess we goofed.....since we don't work with dealers about TenTec too much, we don't always think about them like we should." — Courtesy John Sielke W2AGN

All back issues of The *WASHRag* are once again available on-line via the club web site.

Just go to www.washarc.org and follow the *WASHRag* links. Special thanks to Ed N3UE for making available the link & the web space!



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- (2) Kenwood TM-V7 Dual band 2 meter 440 MHz 50 watt mobile \$350
- (1) Kenwood TM-731 Dual band 50 watt mobile low audio one channel \$175
- (1) Cushcraft R7 10 thru 40 meter vertical base antenna \$175
- (1) Pyramid PS 26K Variable Voltage 25 amp Power supply \$65
- (1) Kenwood TS 741 Triband Mobile 2 meter, 220 MHz, 440 MHz \$ 300
- (1) Maldol EX-11 Dual band Mobile antenna trunk mount \$75
- (1) Larsen NMO 2/70 Dual band mobile mag-mount antenna \$75
- (2) Vanco Big mouth Speaker 2.5 X 3.5 \$5
- (2) Daiwa CN-410 3.5 - 150 MHz SWR bridge 15 - 150 watt \$65
- (2) Motorola TU 324 A Speaker 5" X 5" speaker \$10
- (1) Daiwa CS-201 2 position 600 MHz coax switch \$10
- (2) MFJ MFJ - 1702B 2 position 600 MHz coax switch \$10
- (1) Alpha Delta Delta-4 5 position 500 MHz coax switch \$30

For information call Herb WA3YNX 412 828 9506
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Free: One six foot tall, 19" rack. This is a heavy rack that used to hold a DEC tape drive. It has sides, but no back. It has threaded rails and does not use screw clips like the cheaper racks. This used to be 7 feet tall but I cut it down to six feet and welded it back together. So this is no beauty queen. But if anyone needs a strong rack for their gear, this will do it. I just removed this from my shack and it is now behind my garage. Free to anyone who wants to haul it off.

Just \$25: Mechanical teletype: I have a huge old Teletype Model 28 ASR in my basement that I'd like to get \$25 for. It comes with spare chassis for all the mechanical parts and a complete set of manuals in original Teletype binders. This is 4 feet long and weighs 200 pounds. It combines a keyboard typing unit, a tape punch and a tape reader in one unit. It's in very good cosmetic shape. I have had it working and the typing unit works okay. The punch would not punch 2 of the 5 rows of holes and the reader I could not get to work at all. So it's as-is. Currently set up for 60 speed but can be gear-changed to 100 speed. It's about 1965-vintage. Any adventurers out there? Don Merz, N3RHT merz.ds@mellon.com

For Sale: HF & VHF:

- ◆ Ten Tec Triton IV Model 540 (Analog Display) 100W HF Solid-State Transceiver, with Noise Blanker, Mike, power cable and a copy of the manual. Serial Number T1092. Have the matching Model 252G power supply which previous owner re-wired for another radio & needs reconnected to cable and/or replaced. Stable, solid, rig. No memories or anything fancy. Complete package \$300 / obo.
- ◆ Kenwood TR-9130, 25 Watt 2 Meter All Mode Transceiver. Includes original manual, two mikes, extra mobile mounting bracket. Case has a little paint peeled, but another solid rig; made several SSB QSO's in the 2002 ARRL January VHF Contest with it! \$250 / obo.

Or make me an offer for everything. Equipment had been intended to be the dedicated "digital" station for the shack, but circumstances have scrubbed those plans... Ron WN3VAW 412-882-7130 wn3vaw@fyi.net

"If you need a break, check out my new page:
www.angelfire.com/tx/beautifulsavior/funny.html"

— Marty Blaise AG5T

ARRL Field Day, Affiliated Club Competition Changes For 2002 Announced

ARRL Web Extra courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

NEWINGTON, CT, January 29th, 2002--The ARRL has adopted rule changes affecting Field Day and the ARRL-affiliated club competition. The changes were included in the report of the Membership Services Committee (MSC), presented to the ARRL Board of Directors at its January meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

The primary Field Day change — effective with running of this year's event June 22nd & 23rd — phases out the Novice-Technician station and replaces it with a new station category, the "Get-On-The-Air" — GOTA — station. A GOTA station is intended for operation by Novice and Technician operators or by generally inexperienced or inactive amateurs as well as by as-yet-unlicensed or "under-licensed" operators working under the privileges of a licensed control operator. Under the revised rules, any Class A Field Day entry operating at least two transmitters may include a GOTA station, which will not count as an additional transmitter for the purpose of entry category.

The GOTA station may operate on any Field Day band and mode, but only one GOTA transmitter may be in use at any given time. The GOTA station may complete up to 400 QSOs to be counted towards the group's total Field Day score. A Field Day group can claim 100 bonus points, if its GOTA station successfully completes 400 QSOs. The GOTA station does not affect the additional VHF/UHF station provided under Field Day rule 4.1.2.

Field Day 2002 will mark the first in which stations throughout the Americas have been invited to participate. As approved at the July 2001 ARRL Board of Directors' meeting, all International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 countries — North and South America — may take part in Field Day starting this June.

Complete Field Day rules and information packet will be available on the ARRL Web Contest Forms and Rules page in early February. Field Day 2002 pins and T-shirt may be ordered now via the ARRL Web catalog, found on-line at www.arrl.org.

The Board also adopted the MSC's recommendations regarding club competition. In accordance with the advice of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee, five specific changes were approved and will go into effect November 1, 2002, when the "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" are updated for the 2002-2003 contest season. Under the revised ARRL club competition rules:

- ◆ The Board has altered the requirement that a member must attend at least two club meetings a year in order to be allowed to submit score for a club in the unlimited and medium categories. The new rules will allow participation by "a member in good standing," as defined by the club. "In part, this change recognizes that the dynamics of many clubs have changed," said ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "Many clubs hold meetings on the air and on the Internet. Many clubs have large, active participation on club e-mail reflectors." Henderson said that by allowing clubs to define their own standard for "member in good standing," clubs can include more operators as active participants in contesting activities.
- ◆ Medium and unlimited clubs now may define their club service



area either as a 175-mile radius circle or as an entire ARRL section. This change will allow clubs from larger states than encompass entire ARRL sections to compete with each other. Clubs may select one definition or the other but not both.

- ◆ The percentage of operators who must be members of a club in order for the club to claim a score from a multi-operator station has been reduced from 66% to 50%.
- ◆ A station owner no longer must be a member of a club in order for a guest operator at the station to claim the score for that club.
- ◆ Canadian clubs that are full Radio Amateurs of Canada affiliates now may participate in the ARRL Affiliated Clubs Competition.

Complete rules for all ARRL-sponsored operating events are available on the ARRL Web site. For more information, contact ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, n1nd@arrl.org.

Ten-Tec To Replace Omni VI with New Top-Of-The-Line ORION

Scott Robins W4PA via the Ten-Tec Reflector

I thought it might be time for some comments from Ten-Tec directly about the ORION.

Frankly, there isn't a lot to share about it as of yet, and here is all the information I have available at the moment:

ORION will be a completely new, ground-up design top-of-the-line HF transceiver from Ten-Tec. We anticipate the retail price will be in the \$3,300 range.

ORION will be a true dual receive HF transceiver. We anticipate that the receiver performance will exceed the Omni-VI Plus and all of the currently available Japanese HF transceivers.

Main receiver is amateur radio bands only, utilizing both analog and IF-DSP stages, 10-160 meters. Sub receiver is IF-DSP, general coverage. Transmitter is 100 watts output.

Cosmetics are still being finalized. The transceiver will use an LCD display screen similar to the Jupiter but larger and not the same color background display. Case color will be black.

There will be a number of new features on ORION that haven't been found on anyone else's previous rig. We can't release complete details on these until the specs are finalized.

There is no estimated delivery date, other than it will be available sometime later in 2002. We plan to introduce and show the new rig at the Charlotte Hamfest on March 9-10 and at Dayton Hamvention in May. By then, we should have feature and spec information to distribute about the new rig.

We are VERY excited about this new product. Stay tuned



Silent Keys



Shiro Nomura JA1CB, Retired Kenwood Engineer & Designer of the TS-930S transceiver, January 18th

SY & Mount Athos

Monk Apollo SV2ASP/A courtesy of eHam.net

Thank God, despite a number of difficulties, year 2000 saw the accomplishment of Mount Athos' 10 years on the air. To celebrate this event I had required and I obtained the special call-sign **SY2A**. My aim was to provide as many colleagues as possible with a contact with Mount Athos.

Within the year the prefix **SY** (belonging to Mount Athos as a DXCC entity) was heard a number of times, while being used from stations without any relationship with Mount Athos. This happening created a great confusion within the international amateur radio community.

Hence, I demanded the Ministry some explanation. I was answered that after a recent circular Greek ham radio stations can apply for the **SY** prefix as a special call. This made me very sorry, so on September the 10th 2000 I wrote the Ministry about that, informing them that after this happening I had decided not to use the **SY2A** call-sign at all.

Since they might not be familiar with amateur radio matters, I sent them international lists where Mount Athos appears as **SY**, as well as the CEPT list. So far, I have received no answer. Despite all this, some colleagues begged me to show up as **SY2A**, and so, as a monk, I obeyed and I made happy over 6500 operators! Nevertheless, after that (end of year 2000) I stopped, waiting for some answer from the Ministry.

Unfortunately, the people working at the Ministry are not ham radios and they cannot understand the importance that Mount Athos has for the DX, being it a separate DXCC entity. Since in these months I have been asked by many friends from abroad why I do not show up, today I let you know the reason. Furthermore, I ask for your help. You can send a message to the Ministry (E-mail: yme@otenet.gr) and ask them to stop issuing the **SY** as a special prefix, since it has belonged to Mount Athos for the last 30 years, as international lists and maps show.

Furthermore, seizing the opportunity, you could ask that **SY** will be permanently assigned to Mount Athos, as it is reported also on the 'CEPT' list, so that confusion will come to an end, once for all. Placing my trust in God, I wait for the solution of the problem, and then I will be with you again... as much as my monastic duties and all the difficulties here will allow it to me. From Mount Athos, "the Garden of the Virgin Mary", I send all of you my best wishes for a peaceful 2002!!!

God bless you.

73, Monk Apollo SV2ASP/A E-mail: sv2asp@winlink.org

FYI Networks

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FYI Networks, an Internet Service Provider in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas since 1995, is offering all members of WASH their Basic Internet account for only \$18/month. This includes one e-mail box, 3 MB of disk space, web page hosting, Telnet & FTP access, and in some areas Toll-Free 500 Area Code service. Call FYI toll-free at 1-877-FYI-4NET, or e-mail them at sales@fyi.net, for more details or to sign up. You must mention that you are a member of the Wireless Association of South Hills to get the discount rate.

Many thanks to FYI Networks for making this special offer available to us for the past three years!

DX News Briefs



VP8THU from the South Sandwich island group was the big news of the month, as they were only QRV on Thule Island from about January 18th to 24th. After a few days travel on the ship Braveheart, they went QRV on South Georgia as **VP8GEO** on January 27th. They are expected to be there through the first week in February. Most DX'ers report large pileups and difficulty hearing the signals, as they Dxpedition is running 100 watts and wire antennas due to the severe restrictions of their landing permits. VP8THU should be QSL'd VE3XN. VP8GEO is via VE3GCO. Astute observers note that both calls are using the same address (VE3XN is the trustee for the VE3GCO club), but the two different names are being used to keep the envelopes for the two stations separated. VE3XN is planning to handle first the VP8THU cards, then the VP8GEO cards; only then will cards for both that are sent together in the same envelope, so it's not a good idea to try & save a stamp if you work both! — VE3XN, JA3AAW, VP8THU, VP8GEO, OPDX, W3UR, AD1C

OZ1ACB advises that he is still waiting on the printer for the **XP1AB** cards; they will be processed as soon as the cards arrive — WF5E

The planned **T12/AA1M** and **T12/W1USN** operation for February has been cancelled due to an illness in the hosts family. —NG3K

FR5FD lost his G5RV in Cyclone (Hurricane) Dina. He plans to be back in operation soon — WB5ZAM

The Sir Francis Drake Report:

"**HM7M**" was QRV in late January, but this is either a busted call or Slim (HM is another North Korea prefix) — K4HB, W5OZI

"**3X1K**" is not via DF8AN who has no knowledge of the station and alleges that this is another Slim — 425 DX News

"**SØNY**" is a fake & his "manager" is a non-existent call — NB1B

"**TR4VA**" claims K1XX as his manager. K1XX never heard of him. He's reported to be a good CW op, possibly military — MMØBJA

FP/JA9KRO/P is a Japanese fisherman who was expected to be on St. Pierre for about a week. QSL via home call, but don't expect a reply before his return home in about August — JA1ELY

"Cards going to **PT2/KC2BAA** do not go to the W2 buro. They go to OK1FWQ. Sending them to the W2 buro only delays them up to six months as I gather enough cards to send to the OK buro" — KF2TI

PA9JJ plans a one-man expedition to The Gambia April 15th – 29th. He's asking for **C56JJ** but won't know the call until he arrives. He'll operate mainly 80 & 40. QSL via PA9JJ, one GS only — PA9JJ

QSL Routes

4L0G via DL7BY — LU2DKN
4U1ITU via I1YRL — N8JV
5NØNHD via JH8BKL — MMØBJA
7Q7LA via GØIAS — W3BJ
9L1DX via EA4CEN — LU2DKN
9U5JB via ON5NT — SM5DQC
9U5D via SM5BFJ — SM5DQC
A45WD via YOP9HP — MMØBJA
AH2R via JH7QXJ — LU2DKN
CE3F via CE3FIP — MMØBJA
CN8YR via K4KU — K4KU
CO8ZZ via DK1WI — EA5BY
D44TC via IV3TAN — KS4YT
EX/K4ANA via W2PS — G4UZN

H44RD via EA4DX — LU2DKN
HVØA via IKØFVC — KV4T & KS4YT
IU7M via IK7JWY — IK7JWY
P29IO via VK3IO — KZ2I
PT2/KC2BAA via OK1FWQ — KF2TI
TGØR via EA4URE — LU2DKN
TRØA via OM3LZ — LU2DKN
VD1GM via VO1NA — VO1HE
VO1A via VO1EGH — VO1HE
VQ9X via VQ9IO — MMØBJA
VP8THU via VE2XN — VP8THU
XU7ACB via N6FF — LU2DKN
XWØX via XW2A — EA5BY
ZF2LM via AF2C — KE1F

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FCC News

NEWINGTON, CT, January 21st, 2002 — The FCC has reduced a sanction imposed last year against a California amateur who had been banned from using repeaters on the 144, 222, or 440-MHz bands for three years. The case involved allegations that Ted R. Sorensen III, KC6PQW, of Agoura Hills, California, and Gregory S. Cook, ex-KC6USO, of Chico, California, had conspired in making late-night one-way transmissions on the W6NUT 147.435 MHz repeater that originated from Sorensen's station. The transmission included music and commentaries on many of the songs, the FCC has alleged.

Last March the FCC accepted Cook's voluntarily surrendered license. Although he did not dispute the allegations, Sorensen got a lawyer and protested his lengthy banishment. In his initial response to the FCC, Sorensen offered to accept a suspension from talking on the W6NUT repeater for a year "as fair punishment." After reviewing Sorensen's case, the FCC decided to accept that less-stringent settlement of the case, rather than get involved in a hearing.

"We will accept Sorensen's settlement of this matter, which is a prohibition from operating on the W6NUT repeater for one year," FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth said December 20th in a letter to Sorensen's counsel, George L. Lyon of Washington, DC. "Inasmuch as he ceased operation on the repeater for two and a half months, this prohibition against operating on the W6NUT repeater will begin at midnight December 31, 2001 and expire automatically at midnight September 15, 2002."

In modifying Sorenson's license last year, Hollingsworth had invoked §97.27 of the FCC's Amateur Service rules. Sorensen had been the subject of prior repeater-related enforcement inquiries.

Not long after the February 2001 one-way transmissions attributed to Sorensen and Cook, the FCC launched a review into the operation of the W6NUT repeater. That investigation continues. Hollingsworth said the FCC gets more complaints about the W6NUT repeater than any other repeater in the US. Hollingsworth has informed the repeater's trustee, Extra licensee Kathryn Tucker, AA6TK, of La Mirada, of complaints that control operators and the repeater licensee "fail to address long periods of jamming by users, broadcasting, music playing as well as a plethora of other violations."

The FCC has fined a Texas man \$10,000 for transmitting without a license on an Amateur Radio band. Following a *Notice of Apparent Liability* issued in September, the FCC affirmed the \$10,000 fine in a December 26th *Forfeiture Order* to David Edwin Merrell of Wichita Falls. The FCC said Merrell did not respond to the *NAL*.

In its earlier *NAL*, the FCC said it was acting on "numerous complaints" from the amateur community that an unidentified station operating on 7235 and 7238 kHz in the 40-meter band was causing "intentional interference to authorized communications." The FCC's High Frequency Direction Finding network determined that the signal was located in the Wichita Falls area. Last June, agents in the FCC's Dallas office monitored an unidentified station on 7220 kHz and determined that the transmission was coming from Merrell's residence. "The station did not identify and transmitted only one-way broadcasts," the FCC said.

During a station inspection, Merrell "admitted to the transmissions and stated that he did not have a station operator license," the FCC said. Merrell reportedly told the FCC agents that making the transmissions was "something to do" and were made "to get attention," the FCC said. The FCC said Merrell stated he was not interested in talking to people but only in making one-way transmissions.

Unconfirmed reports to the FCC indicate that Merrell may have



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continued to occasionally transmit on 40 meters following the visit by FCC agents to his residence.

The FCC said that based on the evidence, Merrell "repeatedly and willfully" violated Section 301 of the Communications Act by transmitting without a license. "Considering the entire record and applying the statutory factors listed above, this case warrants a \$10,000 forfeiture," the FCC concluded.

Merrell has 30 days from the date of the *Order*'s release to pay the fine. If not paid, the matter could be referred to the Department of Justice for collection.

Former Amateur Radio licensee Herb Schoenbohm, ex-KV4FZ, apparently is eager to return to his favorite pastime. In early January, the FCC suggested that Schoenbohm, who lives in Kingshill, Virgin Islands, won't get his wish easily. Last April, only a few months after losing his battle to renew his ham ticket and his operating authority had expired, Schoenbohm applied for a new Amateur Radio license and passed the General exam. The FCC now has designated that pending application for hearing, to determine, in part, if Schoenbohm is rehabilitated and deserves to be a Commission licensee.

The FCC didn't mince words in its *Hearing Designation Order*, WT Docket No 01-352. Schoenbohm's "previous criminal behavior, misrepresentation and lack of candor warranted denial of his renewal application," the *Order* said. "Mr. Schoenbohm is a convicted felon and was found to have misrepresented facts and lacked candor in his testimony in that hearing."

The FCC said, however, that what's past is past, and it does not intend to rehash Schoenbohm's earlier case in the current proceeding. Now, the Commission says, it must determine whether Schoenbohm "has been sufficiently rehabilitated" since his earlier "disqualifying behavior." The Commission said it needs to know if Schoenbohm "could be relied upon to observe our rules and policies and deal with the Commission in an honest and forthright manner."

The FCC said that since it has "no facts now before us that would support a finding of rehabilitation," it cannot make a ready determination that granting Schoenbohm's application "would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity." So, it's designating his application for hearing.

"Absent a demonstration by Mr. Schoenbohm that he now possesses the requisite character qualifications to be a Commission licensee, his pending applications may not be granted," the FCC added. Schoenbohm vowed last year to return to Amateur Radio.

Meanwhile, the FCC is continuing to investigate whether a South Carolina amateur broke any rules when he let Schoenbohm operate during a recent contest. Stephen S. Reichlyn, AA4V, rented and operated from Schoenbohm's station during the CQ World Wide SSB Contest last October. Reichlyn confirmed that he had asked Schoenbohm to fill in briefly as an operator on two occasions. He said he fully supervised Schoenbohm's operation, but conceded in his response to the FCC that he may have exercised poor judgment in asking Schoenbohm to operate.

The FCC said Schoenbohm would bear the burden of proof in the new license application proceeding before an administrative law judge to determine whether he now possesses the requisite character qualifications to be a Commission licensee and whether his pending application should be granted. Schoenbohm has 20 days to respond to the *Order* or his application will be denied with prejudice.

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MAST TURNED BY ARMSTRONG METHOD

Bill Hill W3WH & Larry Comden K3VX setting up the N3SH beam at the West End Overlook [15220] just prior to the start of the WASH 2M FM Simplex Contest. N3SH later moved to Crafton [15205] because of inter-mod problems.

Don't forget, contest logs are due February 7th!

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